

Upper Providence Township Environmental Commission (EC) Meeting

Minutes for May, 18 2023 Meeting

In-person at the Township Building and available concurrently online.

1. Roll Call

In attendance were Trevor Serine, Peter Quagliariello, Kristin Giambra
Additional Attendee(s): Don Vymazal, Mareile Watson

2. Minutes

Minutes from the March 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Public Forum

Marion Yaglinski from Transition Town Media spoke about the Rights to Nature Law. Asking to declare a State of Emergency to Council. Requested a member of UPEC attended a future meeting (TBD) to support these efforts in our community. Kristin Giambra volunteered.

4. Old Business/Ongoing Projects

Grant Updates

- USDA Compost Grant- EC will try to apply and make deadline July 15th Must have application finished and present to Council by June 5th (Council meeting 6/8)
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Roche/Cherry St. Park Planting

- Planning a walk through at local parks with Kevin Else to discuss tree plantings.

Scott Park

- No updates

Rain Planter – Fire Co.

- Still under coordination

Sustainability Task Force

- Suggestions to write a report to show progress.

Zero Waste:

- Plastic single use bag restriction - Plans for township to send out a survey to both residents and small businesses soon.

Trash/Recycling:

- Composting / Recycling – ongoing education efforts. Sustainability Taskforce is working on this

5. New Business

- Monsanto Settlement Fund- Neighboring boroughs have received settlement check.

6. Other Business

- Kudzu Vine – Plan to post on Newsletter with potential public comment to post spotted locations in the area.
- Absentee member – Must reach out to current member to see if they'd like to be removed. Motion to remove/ replace a current member must be placed on meeting agenda.
- EC website – should be under the township, not independent from.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Pete, seconded by Kristin – all approved. Meeting closed 8:00 PM